1948

OFFICE OF THE
RECTOR

Loyola College
Montreal Canada

RECTOR'S REPORT

Fifty-Second Annual Convocation
June 1st, 1948.

WELCOME: In the life of any college Convocation is a profoundly significant event: significant for the students, for on it one group is graduated into the larger field of life, and all learn the results of the year's work; significant too for Faculty and friends for it crowns the year's work, provides an opportunity for evaluating that effort and for reporting on the present state of the College.

Mr Guest Speaker, Reverend Fathers

To all of you, Loyola parents and friends, allow me to express a very sincere welcome to our Fifty-second Annual Convocation. It is our privilege to have as our guest speaker this evening the Right Honourable Francis Michael Forde who so capably represents in Canada the Commonwealth of Australia. We are happy to have you with us, Sir, and we look forward to hearing the advice you will give our graduates. We are also very pleased that Mrs Forde is with us this evening.

We also have with us on the stage a special guest, a man whose eight sons all attended Loyola and whose youngest, the sixth to graduate, will soon receive the degree of Bachelor of Science. Mr. Frank Shaughnessey is an internationally known figure in the world of sport; and on the Loyola Campus all the glamour of a legend clings to his name from his coaching, twenty years ago, of a generation of Loyola football players. On this occasion, Mr. Shaughnessey, I would like to congratulate you and Mrs. Shaughnessey for the effort and sacrifice and love that went

Loyola College
Montreal Canada

OFFICE OF THE
RECTOR

into the raising of eight stalwart sons for God and country. Loyola is proud to have had a share in helping you equip them to be worthy citizens of this world and of heaven.

REGISTRATION: The total registration for the year just completed was 975: of whom 356 were in the College and 619 in the High School.

STUDIES: The final examination results and the year's record clearly evidence the satisfactory condition of studies at Loyola. To Father William Connor, Dean of Studies, and to the teaching staff, Jesuit and Lay, I would like to express Loyola's profound gratitude for the devoted manner in which they have fulfilled their high duty. May I add here a personal note of gratitude for their splendid cooperation, especially to the Senior Professor of the College, Father Horatio Phelan, not only for the excellent course he is teaching but also for his many other services to the College.

LOYOLA LECTURES: Loyola Lectures, held annually under the auspices of the Loyola Ladies' Auxiliary, presented a programme to the general public of nine talks on general cultural topics. To the Executive and members of this organization; and to Father Masterson, its Moderator, in particular, I offer Loyola's sincere thanks for the work involved in sponsoring the lectures; and for the renewal of the two scholarships, which for some years they have given our students.

SUMMER SCHOOL: Father Daniel Lord together with his faculty of

Loyola College
Montreal Canada

OFFICE OF THE
RECTOR

some 25 Jesuits and lay people, will hold their Sixth Summer School at the College from June 28th to July 3rd of this year.

DEBATES: Both intra-mural and inter-university debating were given due emphasis during the year. Inter-class debates were held at the regular weekly meetings of the Debating Societies. Loyola won the Eastern Section of the Inter-University Debating League, defeating Bishops at Loyola and Ottawa University at Ottawa, in both instances by unanimous decisions. In the finals our debaters lost to the Ontario Agricultural College by a split decision, winning 2 - 1 in Montreal but losing 3 - o in Guelph. Our other College debating teams met Boston College in Boston and Mount Saint Mary's College of Emmettsburg, Maryland and Marianopolis College in Montreal.

DRAMATICS: During the month of April the College Dramatic Society staged six performances of Shakespeare's historical play "Henry the Fourth, Part I". The Montreal dramatic critics were unanimous and enthusiastic in their praise of both acting and production. Father Hanley and Father Wardell, who were responsible for the play, deserve high praise and gratitude. The play was dedicated to the Xavier Apostolate Guild. The High School Dramatic Society twice presented a Christmas Concert, consisting of three one-act plays, two in English and one in French.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS: We are pleased to record the steady progress of our student publications. The Loyola Review, a summary of the year's activities, will appear within a few days. The Loyola News,

Loyola College
Montreal Canada

OFFICE OF THE
RECTOR

our student newspaper, was published regularly every two weeks throughout the year except during the examination months. The editorial and business staffs of both publications deserve high commendation along with their respective Faculty Moderators, Father Gerald MacGuigan and Father Frederick Noll.

Our Canadian Officers Training Corps under Major Walsh had a very successful year

SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATIONS: The spiritual vigor of the students is manifested by the flourishing state of Loyola's many spiritual organizations under the direction of our Student Counsellor, Father Hector Daly. A novel feature this year were the Closed Retreats for all College and Fourth High students. These retreats were held in addition to the short College Mission given last September. In previous years only Senior College and Fourth High students made closed retreats. - More than $1100.00 were collected from the students for European relief. The Sodality distributed 2500 tins of food and some financial assistance to 32 needy families. Twelve students began special studies preparatory to the priesthood last year.

CONGRATULATIONS: Our best wishes for many years of fruitful ministry are extended to Father Gerald McGlynn of the Montreal Diocesan Clergy and to Fathers James Toppings and Royden Devlin of the Society of Jesus, all three Loyola Alumni, ordained to the Holy priesthood since last Convocation. We offer our congratulations to all our former students on their excellent showing in the Universities, particularly to Richard Blanchfield, Loyola B.A. "44, University Scholar at McGill in the Faculty of

Loyola College
Montreal Canada

OFFICE OF THE
RECTOR

Engineering, to whom was awarded both the Canadian Pacific Railway Prize and the Canadian Institute of Chemistry Prize, and to John E. McDonnell, Loyola High School graduate of the year 1940, who graduated from McGill in Medicine and was awarded the Robert Forsyth Prize for particular ability in all branches of surgery.

DEATHS: The death of Father William X. Bryan last August, Dean of Studies for the year previous to his death, and a professor at Loyola for some 23 years, was a heavy blow to the College. In the course of the year Father Francis Downes, Loyola B.A. '04 and professor of Sophomore Arts at Loyola for many years, also died. Father Downes had been teaching at the Jesuit House of Studies in Guelph for some years past.

NEW BUILDING: I am happy to report that the Central Building was officially opened and blessed by His Excellency the Archbishop of Montreal on November the 30th last.

FINANCIAL: A total of $150,000.00 has been given to Loyola from the funds collected during the Archdiocesan Campaign in the Spring of 1946. Publicly and officially I would like to express Loyola's profound gratitude to all whose donations to the Campaign made this gift to Loyola possible.

In this time of rising costs, when Universities and Colleges throughout the entire continent are being forced to increase their fees, Loyola, after long deliberation, has decided to carry on with the fees currently paid by our Canadian students

Loyola College
Montreal Canada

OFFICE OF THE
RECTOR

for board and tuition. Since Loyola is the only English-speaking Catholic College for men in the Province, a sense of public responsibility urges us to avoid causing the hardship which would result from any rise in our fees. The fact that 42 Jesuits on the Loyola Staff receive no material remuneration beyond maintenance makes possible the operation of the College with our comparatively low fees. The devotedness of our Jesuit Faculty and the good will of its friends constitute Loyola's only endowment.

PETITION TO QUEBEC: On September 26th, 1947, His Excellency the Archbishop, together with two Alumni and a former Rector: Major-General George Vanier, Canadian Ambassador to France, Mr. John T. Hackett, K.C., M.P., President of the Bar Association of Canada, Father Hugh McCarthy and myself presented the Premier of the Province with a Petition, soliciting a special grant of $325,000.00 for Loyola. Our delegation, we believe, was representative of our people and our request modest in view of our needs. Up to the present no definite answer has been received from Mr. Duplessis. We heartily endorse the generous grants made to Laval, Montreal and Bishops' Universities. Because Loyola lacks the juridical status of a University, though in fact carrying on University work in both Arts and Science, we are apparently as yet unable to share in these grants. A further Petition for financial aid was presented to the Executive Council of Montreal on January 5th of this year without any results to date.

ATHLETICS: The most gratifying feature of the year's athletic

Loyola College
Montreal Canada

OFFICE OF THE
RECTOR

record was the wide student participation in intramural sport. ~~A multiplicity of leagues in all the major sports furnished both opportunity and inducement for a large number of students to obtain those benefits of physical formation and character which merit a place for sport in every well-rounded system of education.~~ Our record in external competitive sport was creditable. The College Football team won the Intermediate Intercollegiate Provincial Championship. In the High School the Senior Hockey team were city finalists and the Juniors were champions of their leagues. The Senior, Junior and Bantam Basketball teams won the championship of their respective sections of the Interscholastic League. The High School Track team won the Elmhurst Trophy in the Provincial Track Meet, and the Intermediate Aggregate Trophy in the Knights of Columbus Track Meet for Catholic Schools last October - also the Bantam, Juvenile and Senior aggregate last Saturday. The Annual Loyola Track Meet, held yesterday, was very successful.

MOTHERS' GUILD: The Loyola Mothers' Guild, with Father John McCarthy as Moderator, held regular meetings throughout the year and contributed the sum of $545.00 towards the furnishing of the Central Building.

ALUMNI: A Communion Breakfast at which His Worship, Mr. Eugene Van Antwerp, Mayor of Detroit, spoke, highlighted this year's round of Alumni activities. Mr. Gilbert Tynan, recently appointed Sales Manager of the Burlington Mills, presented the College with a cheque for $500.00 for the purpose of building a grotto in honour of Our Lady on the grounds.

Loyola College
Montreal Canada

OFFICE OF THE
RECTOR

WORD TO THE GRADUATES: And now a final word to you, my dear members of the Class of 1948. During your years at Loyola, for some of you eight, for others- four, with the help of the Faculty you have laboured to prepare yourselves for what lies beyond to-night. Through principle and practice it has been your endeavour to equip yourselves for time and for eternity. You have come to realize that education, like life itself and the salvation of your soul, is a self-process. Others may guide, others may inspire, but each one of us must achieve it for himself. And like the business of living and salvation, education will be completed only when we shall have graduated into the fullness of life. Be resolute then and courageous in living the principles you have learned, for they alone can lead to life. ~~Keep your eyes fixed firmly on your God-given destiny; strive to be clear-sighted in your choice of means; remember that all genuinely Christian culture means a steady view of the whole of life from the unchanging viewpoint of Christ's own teachings, and that as He has charted the way through His doctrine, provided the inspiration through His example, so too, will He furnish the strength through His grace. Be loyal to the principles you have learned~~ Be loyal to Loyola and you will be loyal to Christ and to God and will walk in honour and benediction among your fellowmen. GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS.

----------oOo----------